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SUBJECT: Enger Tower and Park 75th Anniversary Community Celebration and Clean Up Events to be Held in June

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[Duluth, MN] - Join the City of Duluth to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Enger Tower and Park for a free, public event on **Sunday**, **June 15**, **2014 from 10:00 a.m.** – **5:00 p.m.** at Enger Park (at Skyline Parkway off Hank Jensen Drive).

The celebration includes Duluth food trucks - Greenmill, The Rambler and Chowhaul; music by My 95.7; children's activities from Duluth Art Institute, Duluth Children's Museum and Son's of Norway Duluth SunFundays; an official program by Mayor Ness at 1:00 p.m.; and Evolve Duluth Yoga in the Park at 3 p.m.

Tour talks of Enger Tower, the Rotary Peace Pavilion, Julia Newell Marshall Gazebo and the Japanese Peace Garden will take place at 2:00, 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. Tour talks will be facilitated by representatives from Rotary Club 25, Duluth Sister Cities International, Son's of Norway Duluth and Building Restoration Corporation (the company that helped restore Enger Tower in 2011).

Anniversary Celebration Schedule

Date: Sunday, June 15, 2014 Time: 10:00 – 5:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m. – Event Start (Food trucks open & music by My 95.7)

11:00 a.m. – Children's Activities

1:00 p.m. – Official program by Mayor Ness

2:00 p.m. – Tour talk

3:00 p.m. – Tour talk

3:00 p.m. – Evolve Duluth Yoga in the Park

4:00 p.m. – Tour talk

In celebration of the 75th anniversary of Enger Tower and Park, the City of Duluth will host a community cleanup on **Thursday**, **June 12 from 5 to 7 p.m.** Families, individuals and groups are invited to join City staff for a cleanup at Enger Park and surrounding areas.

Volunteers are encouraged to dress for the weather, wear sunscreen and closed-toed shoes, and bring work gloves, if possible. All necessary equipment will be provided. *Do North Pizzeria Hermantown* will provide pizza following the cleanup. Registration is encouraged by contacting Cheryl Skafte,

Volunteer Coordinator at 218-730-4334, or by email <u>cskafte@duluthmn.gov</u>.

Inquiries can be directed to Crystal Taylor, Viva Public Relations: 218-390-3928 or crystal@withviva.com. Anniversary events sponsored by: Holiday Inn Duluth, South Pier Inn, Visit Duluth, Duluth News Tribune, Security Jewelers and Midwest Communications. For more details, visit the Enger Tower and Park Facebook page.

About Enger Tower and Enger Park:

The original dedication of Enger Tower was held on June 15, 1939 by Crown Prince Olav and Crown Princess Martha of Norway and in honor of Bert Enger, a native of Norway who lived in Duluth and became a successful furniture dealer. At the time of his death, Mr. Enger donated two-thirds of his estate, including the land of Enger Park and Enger golf course to the City of Duluth, along with a \$50,000 contribution for Enger Tower to be built in his honor. This year marks his 150th birthday.